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Re: **Application Serial No.: 10/724,430**  
Filing Date: 11/28/2003; First Named Inventor: Bou-Ghazale, Sahar E.  
Attorney Docket No.: 0140114

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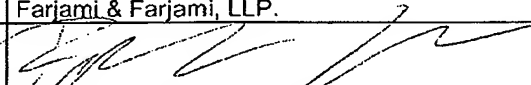
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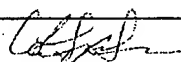
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|  | First Named Inventor | Bou-Ghazale, Sahar E.  |         |
|  | Examiner Name        | Abebe, Daniel Demelash |         |
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|  |  | First Named Inventor     | Bou-Ghazale, Sahar E.  |
|  |  | Examiner Name            | Abebe, Daniel Demelash |
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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

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|---|----------|-----------------------|
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| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360      | 180                   |

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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Serial No.: 10/724,430

Filed: November 28, 2003

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Art Unit: 2626

Examiner: Abebe, Daniel D.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is in response to the *Non-Final* Office Action, dated April 13, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

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